

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/841,284

Applicant(s)

VINEGAR ET AL.

Examiner

George Suchfield

Art Unit

3672

All Participants:(1) George Suchfield.(2) David W. Quimby.**Status of Application:** pending

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 25 August 2004**Time:** _____**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

None

Claims discussed:

2193

Prior art documents discussed:

US 6,745,831, from applicant's SN 09/841,491

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature) _____

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate) _____

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: It was observed that pending claim 2193 conflicted with claim 210 of applicant's copending application 09/841,491, now US 6,745,831, insofar as no patentable distinction seen between a hydrocarbon formation and a coal formation. Thus, applicant was advised that a terminal disclaimer would be required against said US 6,745,831, before the pending case could be allowed..